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U.S. Patent No. 6,246,723 to BLISS et al., which issued on June 12, 2001;

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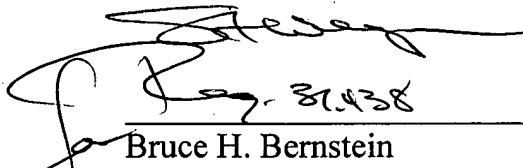
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number:

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